

Saguache County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, January 18, 2011 with the following present:

Sam Pace, Chairman
Mike Spearman, Co-Vice Chair
Linda Joseph, Co-Vice Chair
Wendi Maez, Co-Administrator
Lyn Zimmer, Co-Administrator
Ben Gibbons, County Attorney
Christian Samora, Acting Secretary to the Board

Meeting called to order by Chair Pace at 9:06 A.M.

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda.

1. Add report from Randal Arredondo on Camino Chamisa.

Pace moved to approve the agenda as amended. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Reading and approval of minutes of January 11, 2011.

Pace moved to approve the minutes of January 11, 2011 as amended. Spearman seconded motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Review of Mail and other correspondence:

1. **State of Colorado Public Health** sent a letter in regard to Compliance Advisory #70070220000101628343, Saguache County Landfill. (1/7/11)
2. **Chip Taylor** sent an email on Gov. Hickenlooper Executive Orders. (1/11/11)
3. **Town of Center Planning & Zoning Administration** sent a letter of Notice of Public Meeting to Property Owners on January 26, 2011 at 6:00p.m., at the Center Town Hall Center, Co. (1/11/11)
4. **Natural Energy Resources Company** sent a letter in regards to the Overdue Colorado Water Questions. (1/11/11)
5. **US Dept of the Interior** sent the Draft Environmental Assessment of Proposed Oil & Gas Exploration, Baca National Wildlife Refuge, Saguache, Co. (1/11/11)
6. **Colorado River Water Conservation District** sent the Agenda on the Information & Outreach Committee Meeting of the Board of Directors, January 19, 2011 at 7:15am in Glenwood Springs, Co. (1/11/11)
7. **Rio Grande Water Conservation District** sent the Board of Directors Meeting Agenda for January 18, 2011 at 11:00am. (1/11/11)
8. **State of Colorado Department of Human Services** sent a letter of the Audit findings shown in the Schedule of Findings & Questioned Costs in Saguache County's December 31, 2009. (1/11/11)

9. **Ileen Rivale, Saguache County Public Health** sent the January 2011 Annual Report on the Colorado State Meth Task Force. (1/13/11)
10. **Kimberly Hernandez** sent an email regarding the Executive Order Message from Tony Hernandez of the Dept of Local Affairs. (1/13/11)
11. **Kundalini Fire Management** sent a letter requesting funding from the Saguache BOCC for \$65,000 from Title III funds for the wildfire education & mitigation in the KFM member areas. (1/11/11)

Introduction of Guests: Matie Bell Lakish – Crestone Eagle; June Savage; and Jeff Shook – Saguache County Planning Commission.

Commissioners Reports:

Sam Pace reported:

- Spoke with Randy Etheridge about the Tessera Solar Project.

Linda Joseph reported:

- Jan 12 - Attended the State Emergency Medical and Trauma Advisory Council sessions - Public Policy and Finance Committee, Training to Score SEMTAC Grant Applications/Requests for Funds, Colorado Trauma Network, and Statewide Trauma Advisory Committee.
- Jan 13 - Attended the quarterly SEMTAC meeting.
- Jan 14 - Attended Emergency Medical & Trauma Services Day at the Capitol. Had the opportunity to speak with Representative Ed Vigil, who inquired about any legislative issues of importance to the County.
- Scheduled meeting with Joseph Jim Felmler and Pam Gripp, with Sean Caffrey, from the Emergency Medical & Trauma, who will be passing through on Tuesday, the 18th.

Mike Spearman reported:

- Jan 13 - Attended the Regional Energy meeting.
- Jan 15 - Attended the Hickenlooper meeting.
- Jan 15 - Attended the Energy Forum in Saguache.

Wendi Maez & Lyn Zimmer – Co-administrator report:

- Veteran's report for December 2010 presented for review and signature.
- We will be having an Elected Official/Department Head meeting on Wednesday, January 19th. If the Board has anything you would like for us to discuss during that meeting please let us know.
- We have received a request for Title III funds from Kundalini Fire Management in the amount of \$65,000. Board approved placement of this request on a future agenda for public hearing.

Break

Wendi Maez - Land Use report:

- Discussion on Tessera Solar Public Hearing continuance date, the Board asked that Attorney Gibbons draft an additional letter explaining options to Tessera.

Pace moved to appoint Bill McClure, Jeff Shook, Tim Lovato and Richard Drake to the Saguache County Planning Commission as regular members. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Re-appoint/appoint – Saguache County Planning Commission members;

Applicants:

- a. Bill McClure – Center area – regular member – 3 year term
- b. Jeff Shook – Villa Grove area – regular member – 3 year term
- c. Tim Lovato – Saguache – regular member – 3 year term
- d. Richard Drake – Moffat area – regular member – 3 year term
- e. Allen Jones – Villa Grove area – alternate – 1 year term

At this time the only alternate that has asked to be re-appointed is Allen Jones and Maez would like to see him put on the Board as a regular member in Richard Laurie's position. He has some really good ideas and views.

Tim Scanlon who has been the County Wide Alternate for several years and he has decided not to re-apply this year.

Mae Engquist who was the Alternate for the Town of Saguache has also decided not to re-apply this year.

Pace moved to appoint Steve Carlson and Chuck Tidd to the Saguache County Planning Commission as alternate members. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- Maez has received several requests for appointment to the board and we have 3 alternate positions open as well as we are still in need of alternates from all over the county but I have only had 3 apply at this time.
Steve Carlson who lives on Co. Rd. P between Center and Saguache
Larry Smith who lives in the Villa Grove area
Chuck Tidd who lives on Co. Rd. 65
- Michael Boone – Sewage Violation. Maez may add this violation to the agenda of the first meeting in February if violation is not corrected.
- PC Joint meeting date –will be held at noon on February 9th at the BGPOA meeting room.

Pace moved to approve the Rowe Lot Consolidation for Lots 1173 and 1174; Baca Grande Unit I. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

- John Quincy Rowe and Cheryl Beth Rowe, Lot Consolidation request Baca Grande, Grants Unit One, Lots 1173 and 1174. Crestone/Baca Planning Commission recommended approval of this request during their regular meeting on January 12, 2011.

Ben Gibbons - County Attorney Report:

- Mr. Gibbons has been working on the CORA requests with the County Clerk.

Mike Norris – Sheriff's office report:

- Norris has received several CORA requests from Marylyn Marks in regard to the Courthouse video surveillance. Mr. Norris supplied Ms. Marks with video surveillance of the Clerk and Recorder's Office from 11-1-2010 to 11-5-2010, Commissioner's Room from 11-2-2010 to 11-5-2010 and the Courthouse Lobby from 11-2-2010 to 11-5-2010.

Jail Tour

Adjourned for Lunch at 12:00 P. M.

Resumed meeting at 1:02 P. M.

Randal Arredondo – Supervisor Road & Bridge and Landfill Report:

- Road and Bridge crew is hauling gravel to County Road 59 and will start to haul to County Road 41G next.
- Adam Green from Solar Reserve asked about the Center airport's plane clearance levels. Green also asked about vacating parts of County Roads E and 55.
- Arredondo spoke with Jason Anderson about the solar for the addition and the office. Talmath and Arredondo will do a cost analysis of going solar.
- Colorado Emergency Response Team will be training Jan 29, Feb 5 and 12 in Alamosa for 8 hours per day.
- Jones' Oil fuel bids are diesel \$3.00-3.05 depending on the size of the delivery and \$2.75 for gas.
- Started the discussion on Camino Chamisa Road to start looking as possible troubles with the different options.

<p>Joseph moved to convene as the Saguache County Board of Human Services at 1:55 P.M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.</p>

Jeannie Norris - Director Board of Social Services

- There were 24 TANF cases during the month of December, with 2 cases pending. Food assistance cases increased by 10 cases, for a total of 524. There were 28 aid-to-the-needy-disabled cases, and old-age pension cases remained steady at 96. CHEERS/Blue Horizon training center served two TANF clients during the month of December. We anticipate a continued increase in food assistance cases, as we will no longer consider resources to determine eligibility for this program effective in March. Only income will be considered.
- The LEAP program had applications from 510 households through December, with 350 having been approved, and 146 still in process at the end of the month. Our LEAP Technician, Jan Garduno, was present at the Energy Forum held in Saguache on January 15, and had information available at the forum. We work together with Veterans Green to provide weatherization services to Saguache County.
- The Child and Adult Protection Unit reported 6 new referrals, with all being accepted for investigation. There are currently 12 dependency and neglect cases in the judicial system, and 79 open child protection cases. The Unit has 4 open adult protection cases.

- The IV-D Unit ended the year having increased collections for the year by eight percent. The amount increased from \$481,554.15 in 2009, to \$521,306.35 for the year 2010.
- Commodity distributions continue to serve more and more people in Saguache County. The TEFAP commodity distribution in January served 96 people in Center, 69 in Saguache as compared to 50 in November, and 51 in Crestone compared to 34 during November. We will distribute Dept. of Agriculture commodities to senior citizens on Thursday and Friday of this week.
- Colorado Department of Human Resources has a new Director. Reginald Bicha comes from Wisconsin, and has a child welfare background as a caseworker as well as having served as a county director, and state director for Wisconsin. We eagerly await the direction that our department will take with this major change in administration.

Joseph moved to adjourn the Saguache County Board of Human Services and return to regular meeting at 2:16 P.M. Pace seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Break

Joseph moved to convene as the Housing Board at 2:17 P.M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Evan Samora - Housing Director Monthly update

Spearman moved to adjourn the Housing Board and return to regular meeting at 2:55 P.M. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Rio Grande Watershed Conservation - Title III Funding Request Public Hearing

- Opened public hearing at 3:00pm natural resources camp 8-13 year olds

Joseph moved to approve the Title III funding request in the amount of \$5,000 to Rio Grande Watershed Conservation and Education Initiative. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Closed the public hearing at 3:09 P.M.

Bill Paying

Pace moved to adjourn at 3:16 P.M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda Myers Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners

Minutes Approved February 1, 2011

Chairman of the Board

Attest

Commissioner

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